

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2016**



The meeting of March 14, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, 4718 W. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90016.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon  
Eric Hanks  
Helen Hernandez  
Constance Jolcuvar  
Peter Lesnik  
Claudia Margolis  
Kathryn McDonnell  
Alis Clausen Odenthal  
Claire Peeps  
David Valdez  
Hope Warschaw  
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Betty Haagen (excused)  
Bettina Korek (excused)  
Norma Provencio Pichardo (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Rosalyn Escobar, Grants Manager  
Dorothy Mackendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate  
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications

Also Present: Wren T. Brown, Founder and Producing Artistic Director, Ebony Repertory Theatre  
Gayle Hooks, Managing Director, Ebony Repertory Theatre

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the excused absences for the meeting of March 14, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion made by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

None.

OGP Presentations

Wren T. Brown, Founder and Producing Artistic Director of the Ebony Repertory Theatre, and Gayle Hooks, Managing Director, welcomed Commissioners to the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center and gave an overview of the history of the organization and shared some of the recent performances at the theatre. Commissioners toured the stage following the presentation.

Communications Committee Report

Commissioner Jolcuvar, Chair of the Communications Committee, distributed an overview of the communications division. Commissioner Hernandez requested this item be held to the April 11, 2016 commission meeting.

2016 Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee, reported the committee members comprised the Chair and Commissioners McDonnell, Valdez and Wyman met on February 8, 2016 to review the typical succession of officers and nominated the following slate of officers for 2016-17:

Bettina Korek President  
Pamela Bright-Moon, Vice President  
Betty Haagen, Secretary  
Claire Peeps, Immediate Past President  
Helen Hernandez, Executive Committee

*A motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, to elect the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee for the new term beginning on April 11, 2016. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Clausen Odenthal, Lesnik, Bright-Moon, Hanks, Jolcuvar, McDonnell, Margolis, Peeps, Valdez, Warschaw, and Wyman. Abstained: Commissioner Hernandez.*

Presidents Items

Commissioner Hernandez, Co-Chair of the Arts Commission's Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (CEII), gave an update on the presentation of the report to the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2016 and discussed next steps. The first meeting of the CEII Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 25, 2016 at Descanso Gardens.

[Commissioners Hernandez and McDonnell left the room.]

President Peeps circulated recommendations to change the name of the Community Impact Arts Grants and no action was taken.

2016 Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG)

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, and Dorothy MacKendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate, gave an overview of the CIAG grant allocation charts and various scenarios for funding.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Bright-Moon, to approve the CIAG grant allocation scenario "H" with a grant score cut off level at 83 points and above ([attached](#)). The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Warschaw, Bright-Moon, Jolcuvar, Hanks, Lesnik, Margolis, Peeps, and Wyman. Abstained: Commissioner Valdez. Absent: Commissioners Hernandez and McDonnell.*

[Commissioners Hanks and Margolis left the room.]

Organizational Grant Program Score Extension

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of Machine Project's grant history and an error in information given to the organization during the application process.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Jolcuvar, to allow Machine Project to carry over their FY 2014-15 score for one additional year. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Lesnik, Jolcuvar, Bright-Moon, Clausen Odenthal, Peeps, Valdez, Warschaw, and Wyman. Absent: Commissioner Hanks, Hernandez, McDonnell, and Margolis.*

2016-17 OGP Disqualification

This item was held to the April 11, 2016 Commission meeting.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, gave a budget update and distributed information about the arts education funding request.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Valdez invited commissioners to the annual YMCA breakfast 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Biltmore Hotel on March 25, 2016.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of March 14, 2016 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Jolcuvar, and unanimously approved.*